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Amend the bill in section 12 in §2706 by inserting after subsection 7 the following:

‘8. Genealogical research. Custodians of certificates and records of birth, marriage and death may permit inspection of records by and issue noncertified copies to researchers engaged in genealogical research who hold researcher identification cards, as specified by rule adopted by the department. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted by the department pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 30 the following:

‘Sec. 31. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Division of Data, Research and Vital Statistics Z037

Initiative: Allocates funds for program operating expenses.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$0	\$185,638
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$185,638

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a provision to the bill to allow inspection of vital records by and issuance of noncertified copies of vital records to persons doing genealogical research who hold researcher identification cards. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt routine technical rules to implement the provision. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)